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SUBJ: REPRESENTATION AT MAY UN OVERVIEW MEETING

- 1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT MAY 3-12 OVERVIEW MEETING WITH ALBRECHT OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND ZIMMER OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY. FRG HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AND IN PROCESS OF CANVASING OTHER COUNTRIES.
- 2. ECONOMICS MINISTRY TAKES THE VIEW THAT THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL (AT LAST MEETING MATTHIAS) IS SUFFICIENT FOR MAY MEETING. THEY BELIEVE THAT ELEVATING LEVEL CAN EASILY LEAD TO BUILD-UP OF FALSE EXPECTATIONS AMONG G-77 THAT MAJOR DECISIONS OR CONCESSIONS ON PART OF GROUP B COUNTRIES WILL BE MADE. THEY POINT OUT THAT PURPOSE OF OVERVIEW WAS TO CREATE A FORUM WHERE COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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PLACE, NOT TO MAKE WIDE-RANGING DECISIONS OR ANTICIPATE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS ARE NOT SOLIDIFIED. THERE IS SOME TALK OF SENDING A TEAM OF ALTERNATING REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT TECHNICAL MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED FIRST THEN BROADER ISSUES

LATER. SUGGESTION WAS THAT MATTHIAS, SULIMMA, AND LAUTENSCHLAGER (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL) MIGHT REPLACE ONE ANOTHER IN COURSE OF THE MEETING.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. STOESSEL $\,$

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